India. The resource conservation technologies are spreading rapidly in the rice-wheat system. In case of rice, by brides of rice are spreading rapidly covering more than 7.5 lakhs hectare with advantage of 1 to 1.5 tonnes per hectare in yield. Wheat variety such as PBW-343 alone occupies more than 5 million hectare of land contributing higher productivity. Frontline demonstrations have also created great awareness about improved varieties and production technologies, facilitated availability of latest varieties to the farmers and also resulted in spread of high yielding varieties. Farmers adopting these technologies and improved seeds have been benefited by way of enhanced productivity and increased returns.

Criteria for MSP in Madhya Pradesh

581. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take action on the demand of Madhya Pradesh to declare support price for 2006-C7 on the basis of unit cost provided by the State; and

(b) if so, by when the declaration would"be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Uniform Minimum Support Prices are fixed for the selected principal crops in the country, which are applicable to the crops grown in Madhya Pradesh also. The Government decides on the support price agricultural commodities after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices.

The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers the inputs provided by various State Governments as also a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in inputs prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, international market price situation and parity between prices paid and prices received by the farmers.